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Applicant: THOMSON ET AL.

Attorney Docket No.: 57008

Serial No.: 09/658,389

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For: BICYCLE STEM INCLUDING ENHANCED CLAMP
AND ASSOCIATED METHODS



**VERIFIED STATEMENT (DECLARATION) CLAIMING SMALL ENTITY STATUS
(37 CFR 1.9 (F) AND 1.27(C)) - SMALL BUSINESS CONCERN**

I hereby declare that I am

the owner of the small business concern identified below:
 an official of the small business concern empowered to act
on behalf of the concern identified below:

NAME OF CONCERN: L.H. Thomson Company, Inc.
ADDRESS OF CONCERN: P.O. Box 10158, Wilson Airport
Macon, GA 31297-0158

I hereby declare that the above-identified small business concern
qualifies as a small business concern as defined in 13 CFR 121.3-
18, and reproduced in 37 CFR 1.9(d), for purposes of paying
reduced fees under Section 41(a) and (b) of Title 35, United
States Code, in that the number of employees of the concern,
including those of its affiliates, does not exceed 500 persons.
For purposes of this statement, (1) the number of employees of
the business concern is the average over the previous fiscal year
of the concern of the persons employed on a full-time, part-time,
or temporary basis during each of the pay periods of the fiscal
year, and (2) concerns are affiliates of each other when either
directly or indirectly one concern controls or has the power to
control the other or a third party or parties controls or has the
power to control both.

I hereby declare that the rights under contract or law have been conveyed to and retain with the small business concern identified above with regard to the invention, entitled: **BICYCLE STEM**
INCLUDING ENHANCED CLAMP AND ASSOCIATED METHODS, by the inventor described in:

[] the specification filed herewith
[X] Application Serial No. 09/658,389, filed September 8, 2000.
[] Patent No.: _____, issued _____.

If the rights held by the above-identified small business concern are not exclusive, each individual, concern or organization having rights to the invention is listed below* and no rights to the invention are held by any person, other than the inventor, who could not qualify as a small business concern under 37 CFR 1.9(c) or by any concern which would not qualify as a small business concern under 37 CFR 1.9(d) or a nonprofit organization under 37 CFR 1.9(e). *NOTE: Separate verified statements are required from each named person, concern or organization having rights to the invention averring to their status as small entities. (37 CFR 1.27)

NAME: _____
ADDRESS: _____

[] INDIVIDUAL [] SMALL BUSINESS CONCERN [] NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION

NAME: _____
ADDRESS: _____

[] INDIVIDUAL [] SMALL BUSINESS CONCERN [] NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION

I acknowledge the duty to file, in this application or patent, notification of any change in status resulting in loss of entitlement to small entity status prior to paying, or at the time of paying, the earliest of the issue fee or any maintenance fee due after the date on which status as a small entity is no longer appropriate. (37 CFR 1.28(b))

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statement and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the

United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application, any patent issuing thereon, or any patent to which this verified statement is directed.

NAME OF PERSON SIGNING: Lorondo H. THOMSON

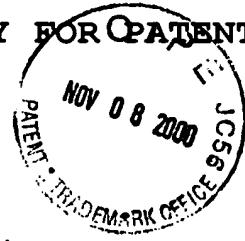
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SIGNATURE: Lorondo H. Thomson DATE: Oct 18, 2000

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**DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY FOR PATENT
APPLICATION**



Attorney Docket No.: **57008**

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name,

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled: **BICYCLE STEM INCLUDING ENHANCED CLAMP AND ASSOCIATED METHODS**, the specification of which:

(check one)

 is attached hereto

X was filed on SEPTEMBER 8, 2000

as Application Serial No. 09/658,389

and was amended on _____
(if applicable)

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulation, 1.56(a).

I hereby claim priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, 119, of any United States application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the date of the application on which priority is claimed:

Prior U.S. (Provisional) Application: Priority Claimed

60/153,159 September 9, 1999 []
(Number) Yes No

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, 120, of any United States application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, 1.56(a) which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

(Appln Serial No.)	(Filing Date)	(Status)
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I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

English Language Declaration

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